

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

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Resolution No. 63-2008

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION commencing a proceeding to identify the future cable-related community needs and interests and to review the performance of Comcast of Howard County, LLC.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2008.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2008.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted____, Adopted with amendments____, Failed____, Withdrawn____, by the County Council
on _____, 2008.

Certified By _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, Howard County currently has a nonexclusive cable franchise agreement
2 with Comcast of Howard County, LLC, a Maryland Limited Liability Company, formerly known
3 as Comcast Cablevision of Howard County, Inc., (“Comcast”); and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the agreement with Comcast is set to expire on or about November of 2010;
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8 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 47 U.S.C. § 546 (“the 1984 Cable Act”), prior to the
9 franchise’s expiration, a cable operator may submit a written renewal notice to the franchising
10 authority requesting the commencement of a proceeding which affords the public in the franchise
11 area appropriate notice and participation for the purpose of (a) identifying the future cable-
12 related community needs and interests; and (b) reviewing the performance of the cable operator
13 under the franchise during the then current franchise term; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, Comcast has requested in writing the commencement of such a proceeding.
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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
18 Maryland this_____ day of _____, 2008 that, pursuant to the 1984 Cable Act, a
19 proceeding shall be commenced which affords the public in Howard County, the franchise area,
20 appropriate notice and participation for the purpose of (a) identifying the future cable-related
21 community needs and interests; and (b) reviewing the performance of Comcast under the
22 franchise during the current franchise term.